


➤ We are in danger of falling if we do not examine our spiritual strength (personal faith) and devote ourselves to growing to maturity in Christ!
2 Corinthians 13:5; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13
➤ **Danger signs of falling away from God**



ISOLATION


"I don't need or want anybody's help."



➤ This is foolishness.
Proverbs 18:1

- The separatist follows his own desires.
Proverbs 14:12; 28:26 (fool)
- He separates himself from the congregation where he would find strength, encouragement, comfort, guidance and protection
- From fellow Christians. **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12** (**Galatians 6:2**)
- From the guidance of God's truth. *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and light unto my path."* (**Psalms 119:105**)

Review and Resolve
(2 Corinthians 13:5)




- **Review:** Where are you now?
➤ Isolated or involved?
- **Resolve (action):** Importance of brethren.
Romans 12:9ff



WORLDLY COUNSELORS

-Our counselors say a good deal about us.



- Foolish counselors.
Proverbs 1:10-19
- Rehoboam. **1 Kings 12:6-8, 12-14**
- Wise counselors. **Proverbs 11:14 (15:22; 24:5-6)**
- Counsel of God's word. **Psalms 119:24 (17-24)**

Review and Resolve
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➤ **Review:** Who are your counselors?
Psalms 1:1-2

➤ **Resolve** (action): Seek out and follow godly counsel. **Proverbs 19:21**

DANGER
WORLDLY
COUNSELORS

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-Friends will either hurt us or help us.
1 Corinthians 15:33

➤ **Superficial and worldly?**

- Fair-weathered and self-serving.
Proverbs 19:6; cf. Luke 15:16
- These entice you to sin. **Proverbs 1:10-11**

DANGER
FRIENDSHIPS

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➤ **Genuine and godly?**

- Share a common faith, values and goals.
2 Peter 1:1 "like precious faith."
- Tells you what you need to hear!
Proverbs 27:6, 9
- You become better and stronger spiritually because of them.
Proverbs 27:17

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FRIENDSHIPS

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Review and Resolve
(2 Corinthians 13:5)

➤ **Review:** Are your friends hindering you or helping you be faithful and grow in Christ?


➤ **Resolve** (action): Be Christ's friend and choose your friends wisely! **John 15:14**

DANGER
FRIENDSHIPS

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-Prayer suggests a healthy relationship with God.
Hebrews 4:16



- **Christian:** Did you think to pray?
1 Thessalonians 5:17
- **Christian:** Have you stopped praying?
 - Not depending on God
 - Not trusting in God
 - Not being thankful to God
 - You are exposed to the devil, sin and death!

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Review and Resolve
(2 Corinthians 13:5)




- **Review:** What place does prayer have in your life?
- **Resolve (action):** Repent and start praying.
Mark 1:35 Jesus got up early to pray.
 - Model Prayer. **Matthew 6:9ff**
 - Pray for others and be thankful. **Philippians 4:6**

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- **Isolation**
- **Worldly counselors**
- **Friendships**
- **Failure to pray**

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- We must see the signs that warn us of spiritual catastrophe!
- Be steadfast and abound in the work of the Lord, 1 Corinthians 15:58

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